Gujarat, particularly in areas facing over-exploitation of ground water; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) In collaboration with the Government of Gujarat, the Central Ground Water Board conducted an experimental artificial recharge project in Mehsana and coastal Saurashtra in Gujarat with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme.

(b) The Government of India forwarded the Report on the Project findings and recommendations to the Government of Gujarat for follow-up action.

Minor Irrigation Scheme from Gujarat Pending Clearance

1742. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several minor irrigation schemes submitted by Gujarat Government are held up for want of clearance; and

(b) if so, by when the proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) Minor irrigation schemes are planned, designed and implemented by State Government and do not need the clearance of Central Government, except where submergence of forest is involved. Two minor irrigation schemes in State of Gujarat viz; (i) construction of Galkund dam; and (ii) construction of minor canal of Bhadar Irrigation Scheme, are pending clearance in the Ministry of Environment and Forests. These schemes shall be cleared as soon as essential details are received from the State Government.

Construction of a Sweet Water Storage System Across the Gulf of Cambay

1743. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the development of Gulf of Khambat in Gujarat a scheme was contemplated for the construction of a sweet water storage system across the Gulf of Cambay; and

(b) if so, what is the present stage of the scheme and Central Government's views thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) The Government of Gujarat have proposed to take up with external assistance, a study for multipurpose development of Gulf of Cambay to secure a fresh water storage, tidal power generation, land reclamation, navigation, irrigation and fisheries development.

Processing of fruits by Pepsi Foods

1744. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsi Foods have started processing of fruits and whether they have fulfilled their export obligation; and

(b) if not, whether soft drinks project will be allowed to start before these conditions are fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) According to the Letter of Intent granted to M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd., the project shall export 50% of its total turn-over

each year for a period of 10 years from the commencement of commercial production.

As per information furnished by Punjab Agro Industries Corporation the fruit and vegetable processing unit of M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd. is likely to commence production in May, 1990.

(b) M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd. have been granted a Letter of Intent for the manufacture of Soft Drinks concentrate and hence they can take effective steps for the manufacture of this item any time during a period of 3 years with effect from the date of issue of Letter of Intent.

Investigation into the increase of cost of Pepsi Project

1745. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 53 Members of Parliament had sent a memorandum on the 21st March, 1990 to him requesting him to investigate Pepsi project cost increase;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry have taken any action thereon; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) A letter dated 16.3.90 signed by 48 Members of Parliament was received. The various issues concerning M/s Pepsi Foods Private Ltd. together with the suggestions given by Members of Parliament have been considered by the Government.

Collaboration with Foreign Countries for the Development of Tourism in the Country

1746. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) w ether I.T.D.C. is collaborating with foreign chain for the development of tourism in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof together with the details of assistance sought country-wise;

(c) what are the details of such assistance to be utilized in Uttar Pradesh and particularly in Faizabad District for the improvement and development of banks on Saryu River and other places; and

(d) the details of hotels etc. to be built in Faizabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE WITH MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c) ITDC is not collaborating with any foreign chain for development of tourism in the country. However, ITDC is having a marketing and reservation tie-up for 23 hotels (19 its own hotels, 2 Joint venture hotels and 2 managed private hotels) with an international hotel chain namely M/s Golden Tulip International of Holland on standard terms and conditions. Besides, Government has recently approved a marketing tie-up between ITDC and Radission Hotel Corporation of USA, a international hotel chain, for promoting and marketing the following 4 ITDC hotels:—

1. Ashok Hotel, New Delhi.
2. Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, Mysore.
3. Ashok Hotel, Bangalore.
4. Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort Hotel.

(d) There is presently no proposal to set up a hotel by ITDC in Faizabad.